



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ward et al.  
Serial No.: 10/768,263  
Filing Date: January 30, 2004  
Title: Mechanically Sealed Adjustable Gas Nozzle

Examiner: Christopher S. Kim  
Group A.U.: 3752

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

The applicant has received the Final Office Action September 13, 2007. A copy of the claims as amended as required in the current format as required by 37 CFR § 1.121 is enclosed.

A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently.